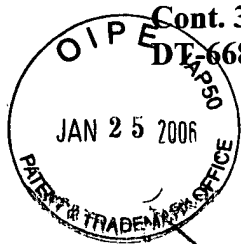


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 11, 2005 in which the Examiner raised formal objections to some claims, rejected claims 1-11 as being unpatentable over the prior art, allowed claims 13-26 and indicated claim 12 would become allowable upon having been rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner's allowance of claims 13-26 and indication of the allowability of claim 12 is noted and appreciated.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: